करेगी या राज्य सरकारें भी मिलकर वापस करेंगी और इसका ब्याज कितना होगा?

SHRI S.R. BOMMAI: Madam, it will be paid by the Central Government only. The government of India has to pay the World Bank loan. The service charge is at the rate of three-fourth of one per cent per annum on the principal amount of credit withdrawn and outstanding and the committed charge on the amount not withdrawn is at a rate not exceeding half on one per cent per annum. The repayment period is 35 years which can be extended by ten years. That means, you have to pay it within 45 years with minimum of interest and this will be paid entirely by the Government of India.

डा० महेश चन्द्र शर्मा: ब्याज कितना है? ब्याज की दर क्या है?

SHRI S. R. BOMMAI: Half a per cent.

डा० महेश चन्द्र शर्मा: समीक्षा की रिपोर्ट...

उपसभापति: 12 बज गए हैं। Quesitor Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

वडोदरा डिवीजन में आमान परिवर्तन

*145. **श्री गोपालसिंह जी सोलंकी:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान पश्चिम रेलवे के अंतर्गत वडोदरा डिवीजन की मीटर गेज लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में बदलने हेतु आमान परिवर्तन कार्यक्रम तैयार किया गया है;

(ख) क्या इस संबंध में कोई सर्वेक्षण कराया गया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके निष्कर्ष क्या हैं;

(घ) क्या वडोदरा विभागीय प्रबंधक ने कोई विस्तृत रूप प्रस्तुत किया है;

(ङ) क्या [illegible] आमान परिवर्तन कार्यक्रम हेतु [illegible] की गयी है;

[illegible] तो उसके [illegible] हैं; और

(छ) कितनी गीटर गेज लाइन को आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के दौरान बदला नहीं गया है?

रेल मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान): (क) से (ग) पश्चिम रेलवे के वडोदरा मंडल में एक छोटी साल्ट साइडिंग धांगधा-कुडा (22 कि०मी०) और कुछ छोटी लाइनों के अलावा कोई मीटर लाइन नहीं है। मीटर लाइन की इस साल्ट साइडिंग के आमान परिवर्तन के लिए सर्वेक्षण पूरा हो गया है और इस कार्य को 1997-98 के पूरक बजट में शामिल कर लिया गया है। भरुच-सामनी-जम्बूसर-विश्वामित्री (95.54 कि०मी०), सामनी-दाहेज (40 कि०मी०), जम्बूसर-कावी (26 कि०मी०) भादरण-बोचासण-पेटलाद-नडियाद (59 कि०मी०), रानू पिपरी-भादरण (26 कि०मी०) तथा मियागाम-करजन डभोई-साबलिया (80 कि०मी०) छोटी लाइनों के आमान परिवर्तन के लिए सर्वेक्षण कर लिए गए हैं और ये विरार और अहमदाबाद के बीच तीसरी लाइन परियोजना, जो इस मंत्रालय के विचाराधीन है, के सर्वेक्षण का एक भाग हैं।

(घ) इस संबंध में मंडल रेल प्रबंधक/वडोदरा द्वारा कोई प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत किया जाना अपेक्षित नहीं है।

(ङ) और (च) अपेक्षित स्वीकृति प्राप्त होने के बाद इनमें से किसी भी लाइन पर कार्य शुरू होने पर इस मंडल की मौजूदा मीटर लाइनों/छोटी लाइनों के आमान परिवर्तन के लिए धनराशि निर्धारित की जाएगी।

(छ) 22 कि०मी० लम्बी धांगधा-कुडा साल्ट साइडिंग के आमान परिवर्तन का कार्य 1997-98 के पूरक बजट में शामिल कर लिया गया है।

Forest Policy

*146. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOUTRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the current forest policy in order to ensure more involvement of local communities in guarding and managing forests;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's stand on World Forest Treaty?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The revision of the current forest policy is under consideration to ensure greater involvement of local communities in guarding and managing the forests. In addition, the revision also contemplates a comprehensive policy for the management of forests in the north-eastern region.

(c) Government does not support any global forest covention, which would affect the sovereign use of the forest resources within the country.

Deep Sea Exploration

*147. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the petroleum Ministry is pinning great hopes on deep sea exploration in the future; if so, whether any such areas have been identified so far;

(b) whether his Ministry would be auctioning the new oil exploration blocks under the New Exploration Policy (NELP) by the end of July, 1997 as reported in the Hindustan times, dated the 10th July, 1997;

(c) whether ONGC, OIL and IOC will have to compete with private sector firms to bag the exploration blocks; and

(d) if so, by when blocks under the first round NELP are likely to be auctioned and taxes proposed to be slashed under New Tax Code?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The new Exploration Licensing Policy aims to give a thrust to exploration activities in deep water. ONGC has prioritised three deep water locations for drilling in 1997-98, one each in Kerela-Konkan, Krishna-Godavari and Cauvery basin. Besides, recent surveys carried out by DGH have indicated presence of large structures, a few with possible signature of natural gas/ gas hydrates?

(b) Exploration blocks will be offered under NELP.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The exact schedule for offer of exploration blocks under New Exploration Licensing Policy is yet to be worked out.

Dealership/Distributorship of Oil Corporation to sons and daugherts of GMs

148. SHRI GAUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sons and daughters of the GMs of Oil Corporation have been awarded the dealerships/distributorships of Oil Corporation;

(b) if so, what are the names of such officers;

(c) whether these allottees fulfil the other eligibility criteria;

(d) what action is being taken/ proposed to be taken against such officers;

(e) whether these officers are still on important positions having the capacity to influence Government; and

(f) whether such allotments have been cancelled; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS and Materal (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (c) All files pertaining to allotment of dealerships/distributorships of petroleum products under discretionary quota of Government since April, 1992 are at present with Delhi High Court, before whom such allotments have been challenged through writ petition No. 400395 filed by the Centre for Public Interest Litigation. Relationship of an applicant with VIPs of officials of Government/Oil Companies etc., is not a criterion and no such information is